G|DRIVE™

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

CAUTION	
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN	The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product enclosure and may be of significant risk of electrical shock to persons. The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating maintenance (servicing) instructions literature accompanying the appliance.

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PART'S INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

1. **READ INSTRUCTIONS**
All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the unit is operated.

2. **RETAIN INSTRUCTIONS**
The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

3. **HEED WARNINGS**
All Warnings on the unit and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.

4. **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**
All operating and use instructions should be followed.

5. **ATTACHMENTS**
Do not use attachments no recommended by the unit's manufacture as they may cause hazards.

6. **WATER AND MOISTURE**
Do not use this unit near water–for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool.

7. **ACCESSORIES**
Do not place this unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket or table. The unit may fall, causing serious injury and serious damage to the unit.

8. **VENTILATION**
Openings in the front and back of the unit are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. This unit should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat source. This unit should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided.

9. **POWER SOURCES**
This unit should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the rating label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply in your facility, consult your local dealer or power company.

10. **GROUNDING AND POLARIZATION**
This equipment is supplied with a power cord with a US style 3-wire grounding type plug at one end and a 3-wire IEC standard connector at the other. The 3-wire grounding type plug will fit into a US style grounding type power outlet and the IEC connector is intended to plug into the G-Tech unit. The 3-wire grounding type plug is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, do not force it. Contact your electrician to replace the obsolete outlet. DO NOT DEFEAT THE SAFETY PURPOSE OFTHE GROUNDING TYPE PLUG. For use in Foreign Countries, contact your local G-Tech dealer or representative to obtain a power cord with a locally compatible 3-wire grounding plug on one end and a 3-wire IEC standard connector to the other.

11. **POWER CORD PROTECTION**
Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles and the point where they exit the unit.

12. **SERVICING**
Do not attempt to service this unit yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltages or tother hazards (see Caution Symbol at rear of power supply chassis). Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the G-DRIVE™ from G-Technology™. G-DRIVE hard drives from G-Technology are the ideal storage solutions for content creation professionals.

G-DRIVE high-speed interface external storage systems offer the ultimate in flexibility by providing a quad interface, which includes eSATA, FireWire™ 800, FireWire 400 (via an included 9 pin to 6 pin cable) and USB 2.0. With up to 2TB of storage capacity, G-DRIVE is the perfect high-performance solution for storage intensive applications including audio/video editing, digital photography, MP3 libraries and high-speed data back up. The system remains whisper quiet with its fan-less cooling system. The latest Hitachi 7200 RPM drives with up to 32MB of cache and an Oxford 934 chipset all encased in a rugged, stylish and recyclable enclosure.

The G-DRIVE is also ideal for backing up your Mac® automatically using Time Machine™. G-DRIVE is the only portable drive to feature a silent, "fan-less" design and an integrated cooling system to ensure reliable operation and long life.

NOTE: G-DRIVE is formatted for the MAC OS and will mount on the desktop right out of the box. For details on reinitializing the G-DRIVE, using the G-DRIVE on Windows®, or for using the G-DRIVE for both Windows and Mac, click here.

Safety Precautions

The disk drive contained in your G-DRIVE is a delicate electronic instrument and is susceptible to damage due to excessive physical shock. Place the unit in a vented area away from moisture or liquids. Please handle the unit with care. Do not open the case. Doing so will void the warranty. If the product is returned with damage caused by improper handling, the warranty will be void and liability will rest with the user.

System Requirements

eSATA/ FireWire 800 / USB 2.0 operation

- Mac OS X 10.3 or higher

• Windows XP / Vista/ Windows 7

FireWire 400 operation (via 9 pin to 6 pin cable)
• Mac OS 9.x or OS X
• Windows XP / Vista/ Windows 7

What's in the Box

Take a moment to ensure that the following items are included in the box.

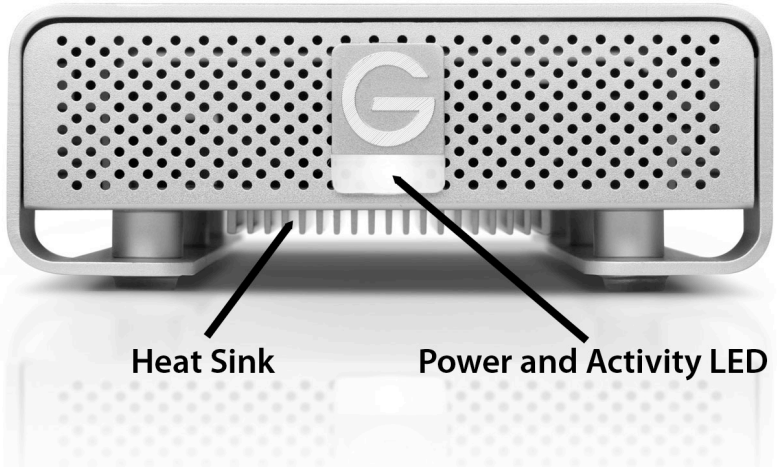
G-DRIVE

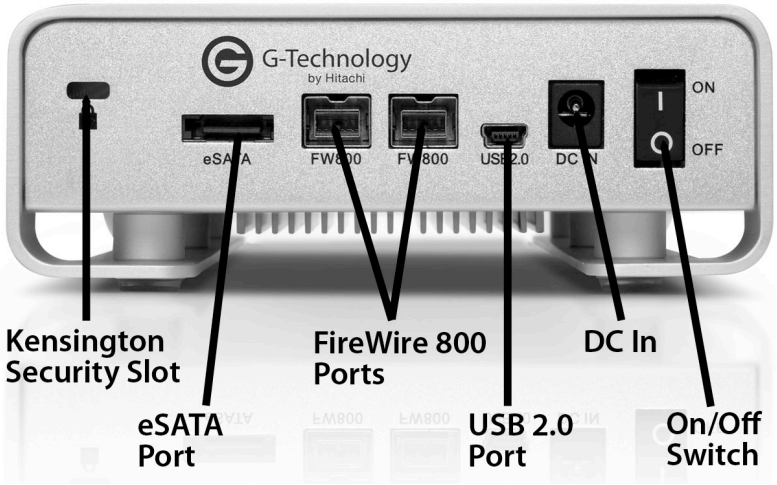
- G-DRIVE external hard drive (eSATA/FW800/FW400/USB 2.0)
- Installation CD-ROM
- eSATA cable
- FireWire 800 cable (9 Pin to 9 Pin)
- FireWire 800 to 400 cable (9 Pin to 6 Pin)
- USB 2.0 cable
- AC Power Unit and cables

If anything is missing, please call G-Technology at (310) 449-4599. For more details on this, click here.

G-DRIVE Overview

Note the various features of the G-DRIVE. There is a Power and Activity LED behind the grill on the front of the unit, while a heat sink is beneath it. On the rear of the unit is an eSATA port, 2 FireWire 800 ports, a USB 2.0 port, an On/Off Switch and DC Power In.





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Attention Mac OS X Users

G-DRIVE is set up at the factory for use with Mac OS X systems. If you are running Mac OS X, G-DRIVE will mount on the OS X desktop right out of the box. If it becomes necessary to re-format G-DRIVE for Mac OS X, go here.

Attention Windows Users

G-DRIVE must be formatted for the Windows Operating System before using the G-DRIVE.

For more information about using the G-DRIVE for Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7 use, please visit: http://www.g-technology/support/windows

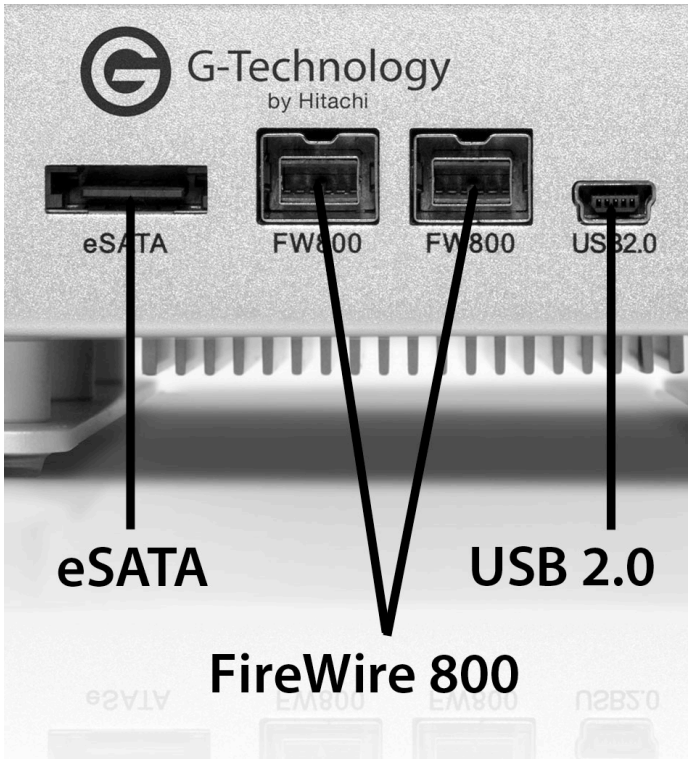
Attention Cross-Platform Users

G-DRIVE can be used on both MAC and PC systems by formatting the drive "FAT32." There are some limitations when using FAT 32. Alternatively you can install software on the Windows machine such as "MacDrive" which will allow you to mount MAC formatted drives on your PC.

For more information about using the G-DRIVE for cross-platform use, go here.

Installing G-DRIVE

G-DRIVE attaches to your computer via an eSATA, USB 2.0 or FireWire 800 port. FireWire 400 connectivity is handled by a 9 to 6 pin cable (included). Choose the connection appropriate for your system and connect G-DRIVE with the supplied cable. Connect the supplied power cord to the Power Supply and plug the other end into a surge protector or wall outlet. Turn on the power switch and the G-DRIVE will mount on the desktop.



Initializing G-DRIVE

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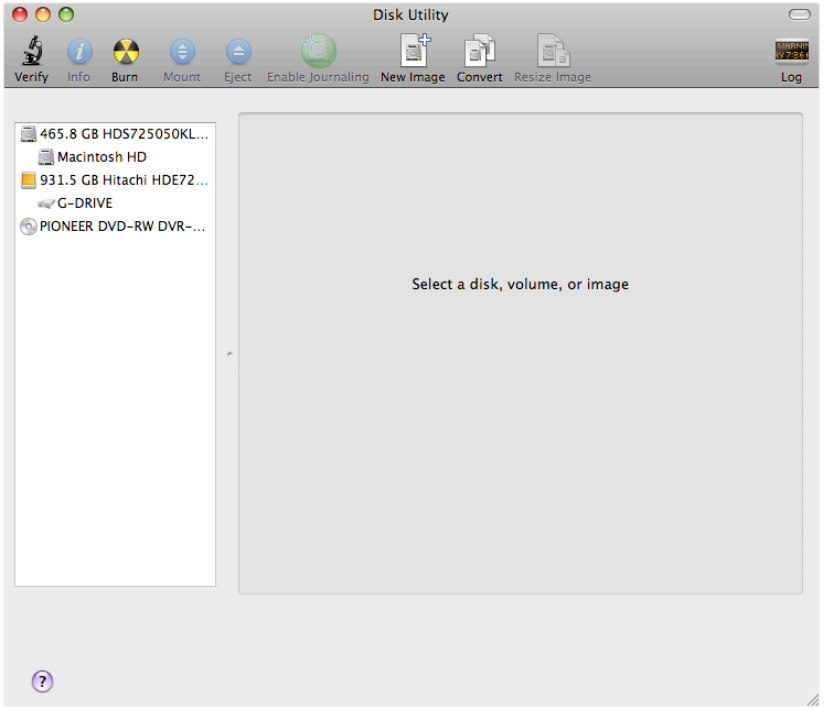
- For Mac OS X installations see below
- For Windows XP / Vista / Windows 7 installations, proceed to http://www.g-technology/support/windows
- For Cross-Platform use, go here.

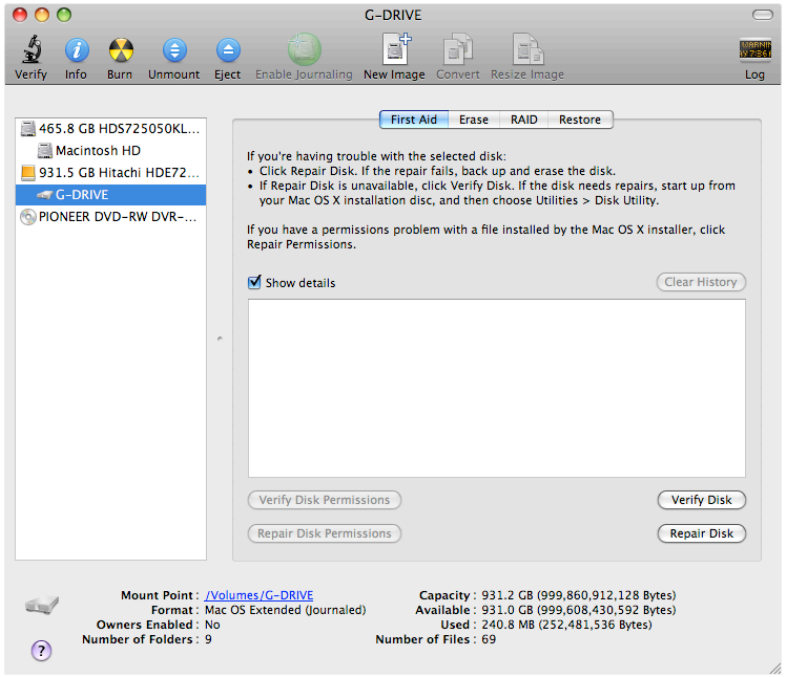
Reformatting for Mac OS X

You'll first need to open Apple *Disk Utility* in order to initialize the disk for Mac OS X. Apple *Disk Utility* is in the **Utilities** Folder located in the **Applications** Folder on the Macintosh HD (or press Shift + Command + U to open the Utilities folder).

A window like the following will appear. G-DRIVE will be displayed in the left-hand column.



1. Select G-DRIVE by clicking on the drive icon in the left-hand column, as shown. Information about G-DRIVE will be displayed at the bottom of the window.


G-DRIVE
Verify
Info
Burn
Unmount
Eject
Enable Journaling
New Image
Convert
Resize Image
Log
465.8 GB HDS725050KL...
Macintosh HD
931.5 GB Hitachi HDE72...
G-DRIVE
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If you have a permissions problem with a file installed by the Mac OS X installer, click Repair Permissions.
Show details
Clear History
Verify Disk Permissions
Verify Disk
Repair Disk Permissions
Repair Disk
Mount Point : /Volumes/G-DRIVE
Format : Mac OS Extended (Journaled)
Owners Enabled : No
Number of Folders : 9
Capacity : 931.2 GB (999,860,912,128 Bytes)
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Used : 240.8 MB (252,481,536 Bytes)
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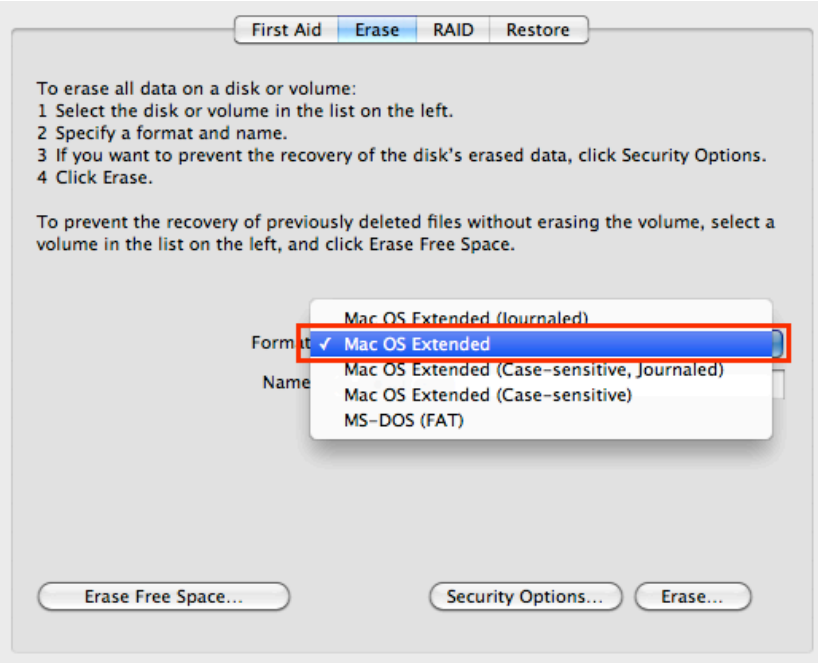
2. Select the Erase tab to view the formatting options. By default, the Format is set to Mac OS Extended (Journaled), as indicated in the Format category.

3. Choose the Format:

   - Set the format to Mac OS Extended (Journaled) if you intend to use G-DRIVE for Time Machine or to create a separate bootable installation of OS X.

   - For best performance and for media storage, set the Format to Mac OS Extended. Click on the Format menu to change it to "Mac OS Extended".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1 Select the disk or volume in the list on the left.
2 Specify a format and name.
3 If you want to prevent the recovery of the disk's erased data, click Security Options.
4 Click Erase.
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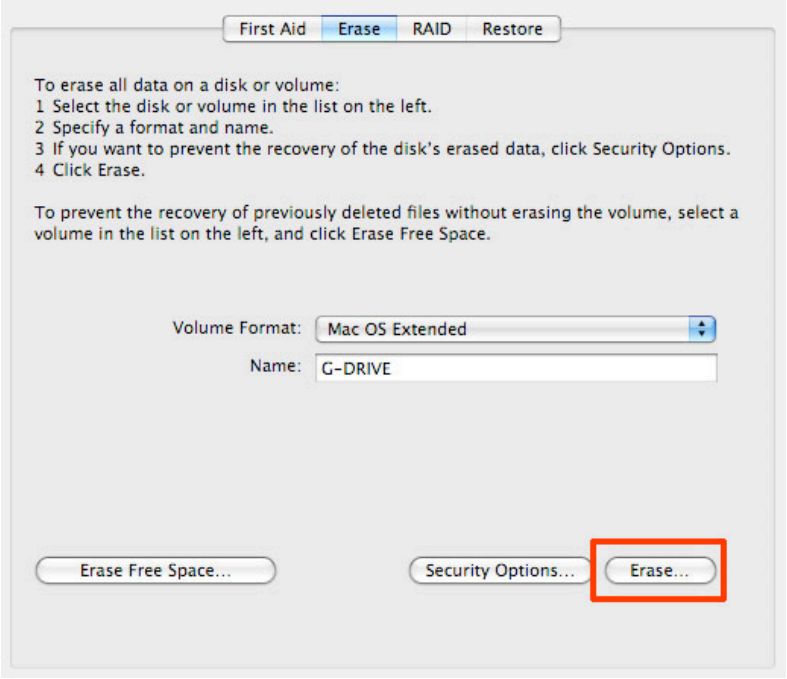
Format
Name
Mac OS Extended (Journaled)
Mac OS Extended
Mac OS Extended (Case-sensitive, Journaled)
Mac OS Extended (Case-sensitive)
MS-DOS (FAT)
Erase Free Space...
Security Options...
Erase...

4. Click the Erase Button in the lower corner of the window.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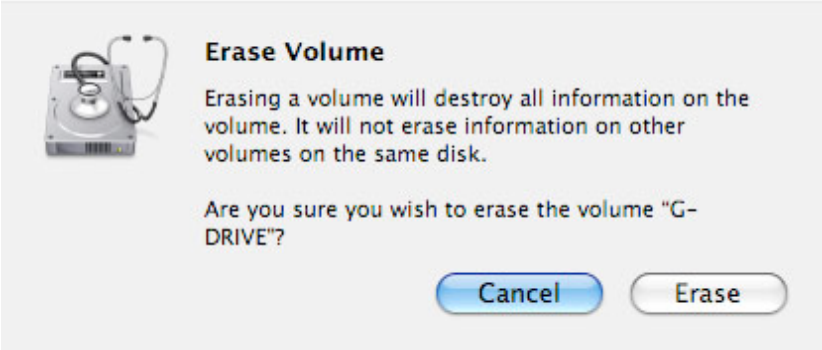
Volume Format:
Mac OS Extended
Name:
G-DRIVE
Erase Free Space...
Security Options...
Erase...

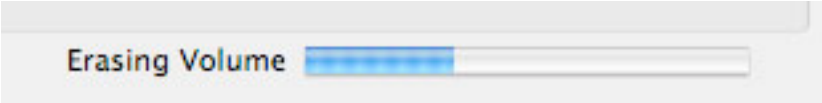
5. A dialog box will launch after clicking the button.

   WARNING: THIS NEXT STEP WILL ERASE ALL DATA ON YOUR DRIVE.

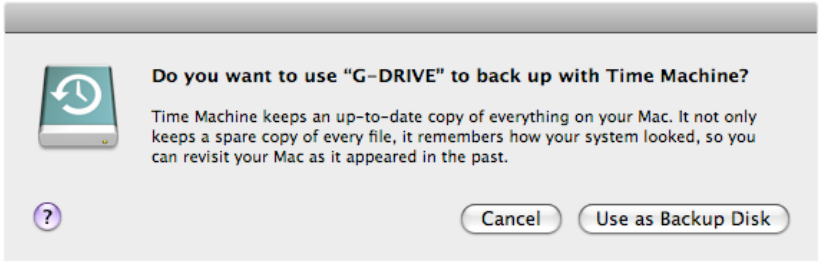

Erase Volume
Erasing a volume will destroy all information on the volume. It will not erase information on other volumes on the same disk.
Are you sure you wish to erase the volume "G-DRIVE"?
Cancel
Erase

5. Click on the Erase button to continue.

A progress bar in the lower right corner of the window will show you the progress of the disk's reformatting.



You may get a dialog box asking you if you want to use the drive with Time Machine. Click *Don't Use* or *Decide Later* if you do not want to use Time Machine at this point.


Do you want to use "G-DRIVE" to back up with Time Machine?
Time Machine keeps an up-to-date copy of everything on your Mac. It not only keeps a spare copy of every file, it remembers how your system looked, so you can revisit your Mac as it appeared in the past.
Cancel
Use as Backup Disk

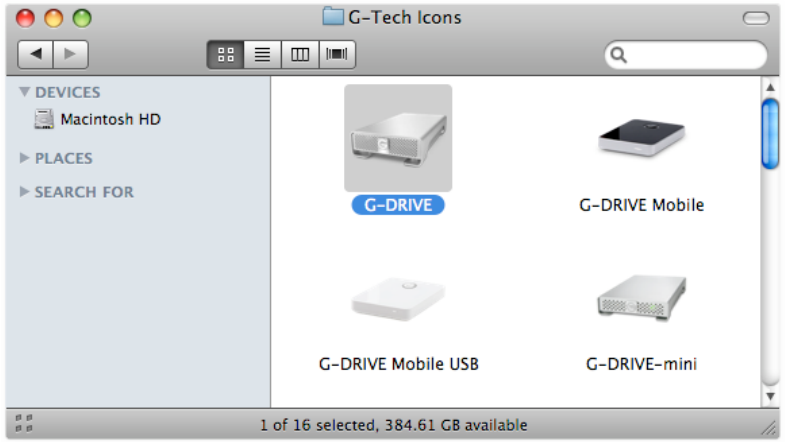
If you wish to use the drive for Time Machine, you can click on the *Use as Backup Disk* button. For more info about setting up the G-DRIVE with Time Machine, go here.

After reinitializing, the icon for the G-DRIVE has been erased. You can restore it.

Restore the icon by doing the following:

1. Go to the G-Technology website and download the "icon package". Click here to download the package.

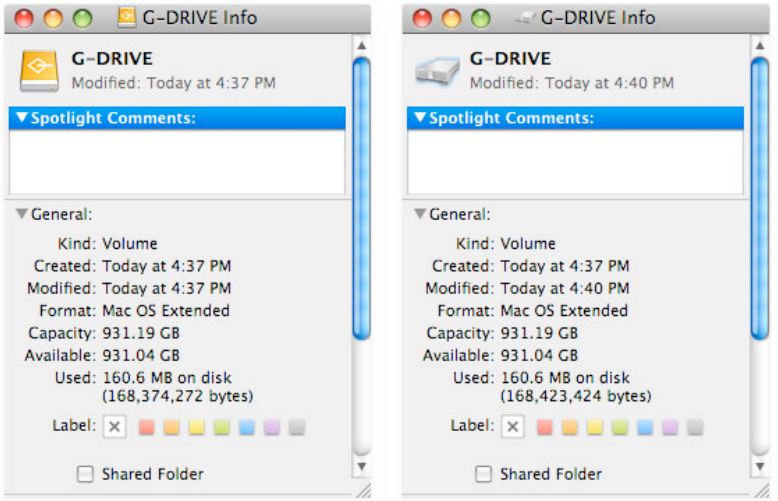
2. Once downloaded, select the icon for the G-DRIVE in the G-Technology Icons disk.



3. Press Command + C to copy the icon.

4. Select the G-DRIVE FireWire icon on the Desktop and press Command + I.

5. Select the eSATA Icon in the "Get Info" window (left)



6. Press Command + V to paste the icon into the icon area of the Get Info window (right).

The icon for your G-DRIVE has now been restored.

You can now close the Get Info window.

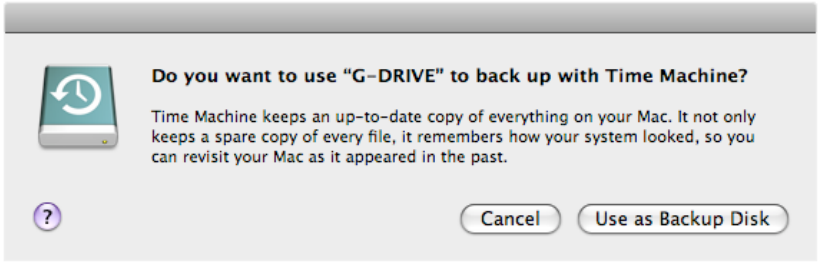
After reinitializing the drive and restoring your icon, your G-DRIVE is ready for use.

Using G-DRIVE with Time Machine

G-DRIVE is a perfect candidate to use with Apple Time Machine. Time Machine provides automatic backup for your crucial files. The following steps will guide you in setting up the G-DRIVE with Time Machine.

Format the drive as Mac OS Extended (Journaled) as described in "Reformatting for Mac OS X" here.

After the drive is reinitialized, you should see the following dialog box. Click the *Use as Backup Disk* button.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Cancel
Use as Backup Disk

If the dialog box did not launch, go to the Apple Menu > System Preferences and click on the Time Machine icon.

The Time Machine pane of System Preferences will then launch and be automatically switched to on.

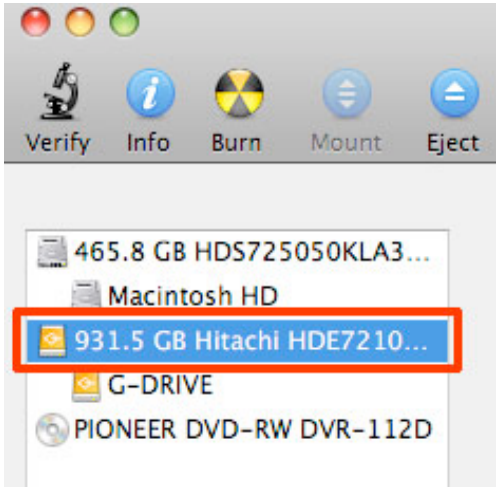
Time Machine
Show All
Name: G-DRIVE mini
Available: 499.32 GB of 499.76 GB
Oldest Backup: --
Latest Backup: --
Next Backup: Today, 5:11 PM
Select Disk...
Options...
Time Machine
OFF
ON
Time Machine keeps:
• Hourly backups for the past 24 hours
• Daily backups for the past month
• Weekly backups for all previous months
The oldest backups are deleted when your disk becomes full.
Show Time Machine status in the menu bar
Click the lock to prevent further changes.

You are now free to set options by clicking the Options button. This chooses files you do not want to backup.

The G-DRIVE is now backing up your important files automatically with Time Machine.

Reformatting with Multiple Partitions

You can reformat the G-DRIVE to have multiple partitions. The following steps will guide you through this process.

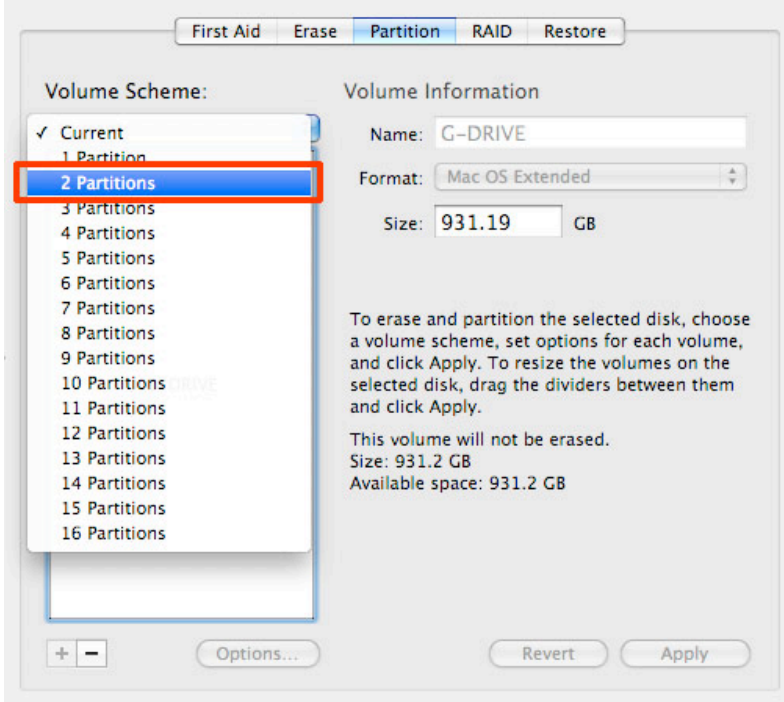


Open Apple *Disk Utility. Disk Utility* is in the **Utilities** Folder located in the **Applications** Folder on the Macintosh HD (or press Shift + Command + U to open the Utilities folder).

1. Select the FireWire icon (not the G-DRIVE) icon.

2. Click on the Partition button in the main window, as shown.

Select the number of partitions you would like from the *Volume Scheme* menu. Here, there are 2 partitions selected.

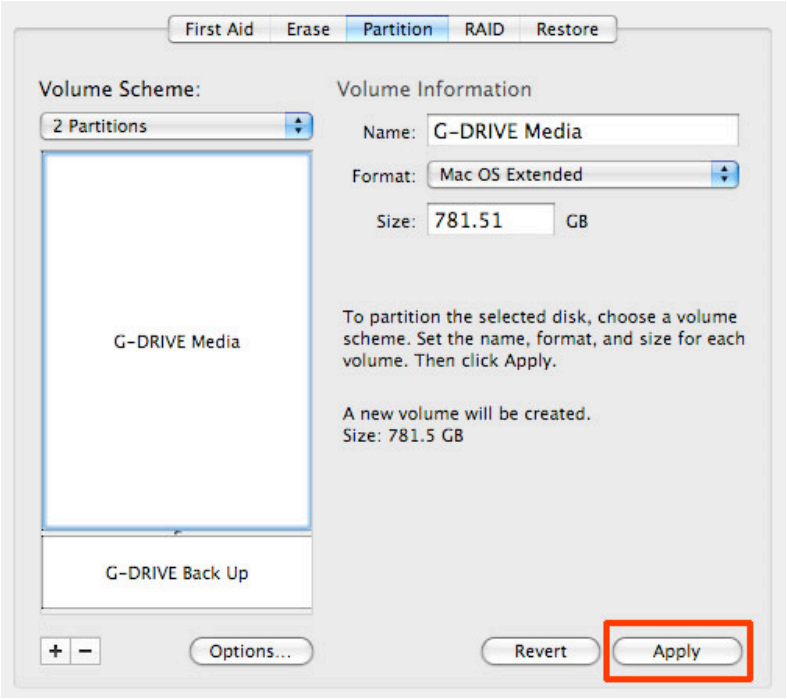


3. Click on a partition in the Volume Scheme area. Your partition will be highlighted by a blue bounding box.

4. You can now create separate names, formats and sizes for each partition in the *Volume Information* area. Do so by doing the following:

    - Type a Name for the partition in the Name field

- Choose a Format from the Format Menu (for more info on formats go here).
- Type in a Size for the partition
- Click the Apply button



5. After clicking on the Apply button. The dialog box, as shown on the on the next page, will appear.

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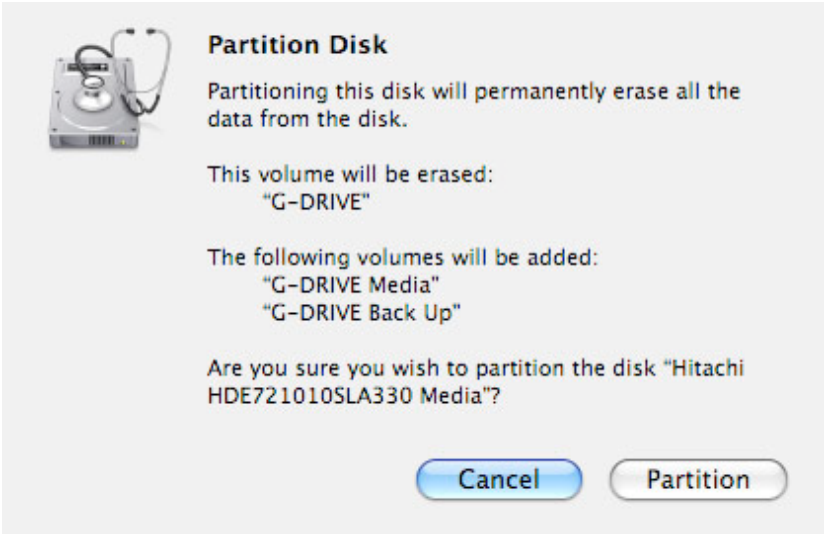
Partition Disk
Partitioning this disk will permanently erase all the data from the disk.
This volume will be erased:
"G-DRIVE"
The following volumes will be added:
"G-DRIVE Media"
"G-DRIVE Back Up"
Are you sure you wish to partition the disk "Hitachi HDE721010SLA330 Media"?
Cancel
Partition

6. Click on the *Partition* button to continue.

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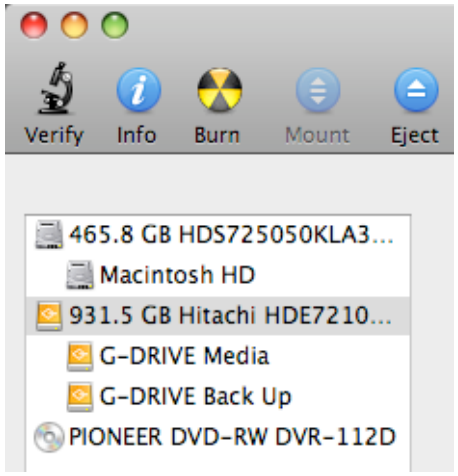

7.When partitioning is complete, G-DRIVE partitions will be displayed in the left-hand panel of Apple *Disk Utility*.

8.Reset the G-DRIVE icons as described here.

10.Exit Apple *Disk Utility*.

G-DRIVE will be displayed on the desktop as shown, right.

G-DRIVE is now setup with 2 partitions and ready for use.

Cross Platform Use

To setup your G-DRIVE for use on both Windows and Macintosh systems, use Apple *Disk Utility* and format G-DRIVE to MS-DOS (FAT), also known as "FAT32".

Open Apple *Disk Utility*. Apple *Disk Utility* is in the **Utilities** Folder located in the **Applications** Folder on the Macintosh HD (or press Shift + Command + U to open the Utilities folder).

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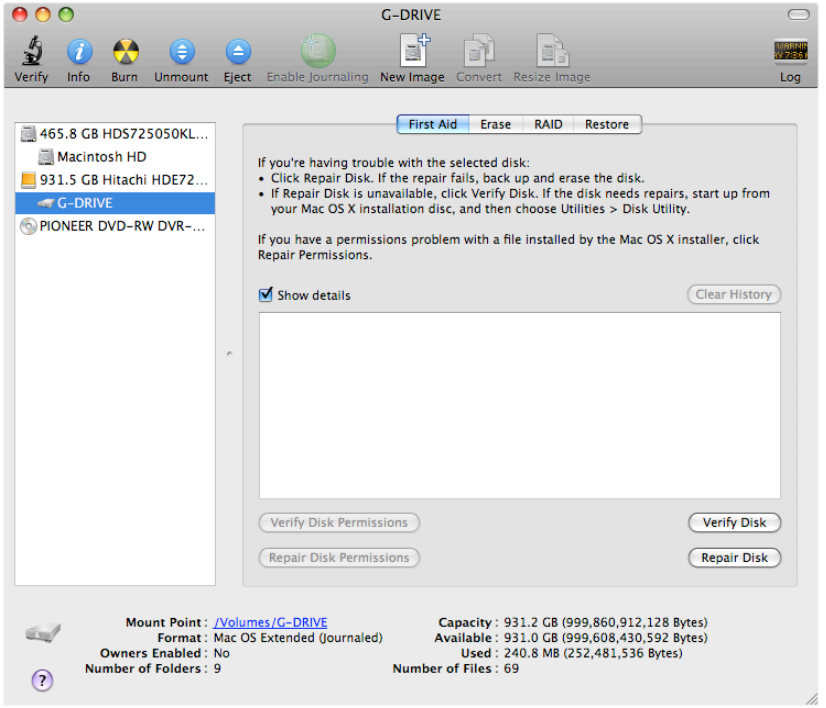
G-DRIVE
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Unmount
Eject
Enable Journaling
New Image
Convert
Resize Image
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Number of Folders : 9
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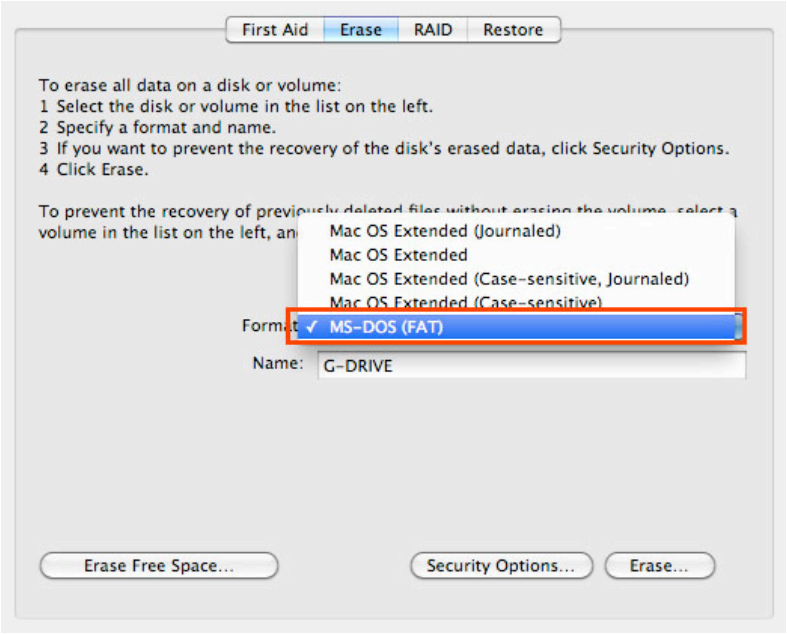
1. Select the G-DRIVE from the left-hand column

2. Click on the "Erase button at the top of the window as shown.

3. Select MS-DOS File System from the *Format* drop down menu. NOTE: You may need to re-name the drive because FAT32 does not support more than 11 letters in the drive name.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Mac OS Extended (Journaled)
Mac OS Extended
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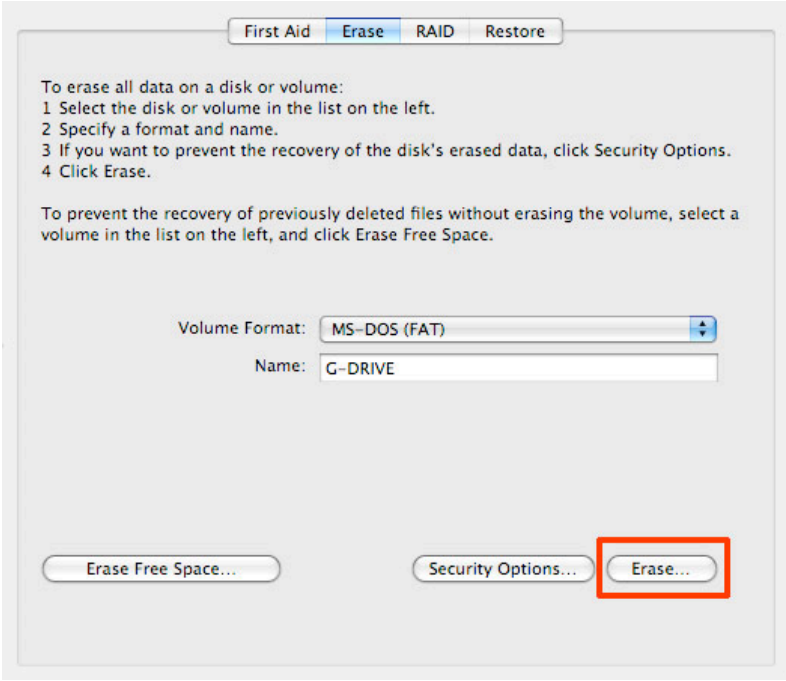
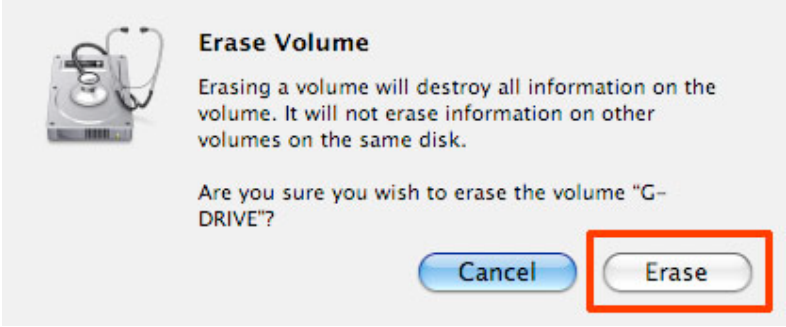
Mac OS Extended (Case-sensitive)
MS-DOS (FAT)
Name:
G-DRIVE
Erase Free Space...
Security Options...
Erase...

4. Click the *Erase* button in the lower right corner of the window.


First Aid
Erase
RAID
Restore
To erase all data on a disk or volume:
1 Select the disk or volume in the list on the left.
2 Specify a format and name.
3 If you want to prevent the recovery of the disk's erased data, click Security Options.
4 Click Erase.
To prevent the recovery of previously deleted files without erasing the volume, select a volume in the list on the left, and click Erase Free Space.
Volume Format:
MS-DOS (FAT)
Name:
G-DRIVE
Erase Free Space...
Security Options...
Erase...

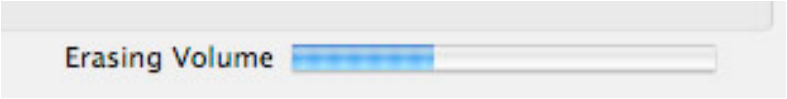
5. A new dialog box appears.

WARNING: THIS NEXT STEP WILL ERASE ALL DATA ON YOUR DRIVE.


Erase Volume
Erasing a volume will destroy all information on the volume. It will not erase information on other volumes on the same disk.
Are you sure you wish to erase the volume "G-DRIVE"?
Cancel
Erase

6. Click the *Erase* button.

A progress bar in the lower right corner of the window will show you the progress of the disk's reformatting.



Your drive will be formatted to its full capacity as FAT32.

7. Reset the G-DRIVE icons as described here.

8. Exit Apple *Disk Utility*.

With this format, you will be able to READ/WRITE on both Windows XP/ Vista/ Windows 7 and MAC OS X machines.

NOTE: You could format your drive on a Windows machine FAT32, however Windows currently limits FAT32 partitions to 32GB in size.

NOTE: The 'MS-DOS File System' cannot write files over 4 GB. If you are working with files over 4 GB, you may want to choose a software option like MacDrive. MacDrive is Windows software that enables the Windows OS to mount MAC formatted drives. (www.macdrive.com)

Disconnecting G-DRIVE

A great feature of G-DRIVE is its ability to be connected and disconnected while your computer is running. To prevent failures and/or data loss it is important to follow the steps below when disconnecting or "unmounting" the G-DRIVE from your Mac.

1. Before powering down and disconnecting G-DRIVE, you must unmount the system by simply dragging the G- DRIVE mini icon to the trash located in the dock.

2. It is now safe to power off and remove G-DRIVE from your system.

For unmounting G-DRIVE with Windows based systems, see the Windows documentation at http://www.g-technology/support/windows

Optimizing Data Transfer Rates

G-DRIVE can be connected to any Mac or PC equipped with an eSATA, FireWire 400, FireWire 800 or USB 2.0 port.

For best performance, G-DRIVE should be connected via eSATA.

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Telephone: (310) 449-4599

Fax: (310) 449-4670
E-mail: support@g-technology.com
Internet: http://www.g-technology.com

When contacting Technical Support, make sure to be in front of your computer and have the following information readily available:

- Your G-DRIVE serial number (on bottom of unit)
- Operating system and version
- Computer brand and model
- Amount of memory installed
- Other devices attached to your computer

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